

**Captain Gridley's Mother**

THE mother of Captain Gridley died on Wednesday last aged eighty-four. The account says she was obliged to work to the last. That is a reproach to our government and country.

Captain Gridley was fleet captain of Admiral Dewey's little fleet. He was the executive officer of the Olympia; it was to him that Admiral Dewey said on that fateful Sunday morning in Manila bay: "When you are ready, Captain, you may open fire." During that battle he was so injured by the fall of a box of ammunition that he was disabled, and a few months later died.

After that record his aged mother should have been a ward of this nation. After that we would have expected that the city of Erie, where the Gridley home is and where Captain Gridley's body is buried, would have seen that her declining years were sheltered against care and want. Her son in his youth consecrated his life to the defense of his country. He wore out his life in its service. His name is indissolubly linked with one of the chiefest glories of our navy, and on that memorable day he received the injuries from which he, a little later, died.

Was it well, then, to see his aged mother at eighty-four years of age obliged to earn her bread by daily toil? It seems to us that it was a disgrace, and that a statute should be passed making a repetition of such a case impossible.

**MUWAGGAR.**

By Clinton Scollard.

Above the walls of Muwaggar  
There is no blot on all the blue,  
Only the vulture veering through  
The azure spaces faint and far.

Within the gates of Muwaggar  
There is no warder but the wind;  
Only the mole, that burrower blind,  
Where prone the once proud portals are.

Along the streets of Muwaggar  
There is no smoke of sacrifice;  
No garland laid, in votive vice,  
To any low or lordly Lar.

Silence and Death in Muwaggar  
Have held supreme their citadel  
How long no tongue of man may tell  
Without or let or ban or bar.

Silence and Death in Muwaggar  
Will keep their triumph stronghold still.  
Aye, even until the Eternal Will  
Sunders from space the sun and star.

—New York Sun.

**PROGRAM FOR MINING CONGRESS**

At the mining convention, to be held at Goldfield the week of September 27th, the following program of speaking has been arranged:

"A Federal Bureau of Mines," by D. W. Brunton of Denver, and Congressman W. F. Englebright of California.

"The Need of a National Laboratory for Research Work in the Domain of Mining," by Thos. F. Walsh of Colorado.

"The Future of the Copper Mining Industry," by Horace J. Stevens, Houghton, Mich.

"The Movement for Greater Safety and Efficiency in Mining," by Dr. Jos. A. Holmes, Washington, D. C.

"Federal Land Policies as They Affect the Mining Industry," by Senators Weiden B. Heyburn of Idaho, Reed Smoot of Utah and George E. Chamberlain of Oregon.

"Mine Inspection," by Courtenay DeKalb of California, Harry A. Lee of Utah and Dr. Jos. A. Holmes of Washington, D. C.

"Electricity—Its Relation to the Mining Industry," by I. B. Potter of Goldfield, Nev.

"The Paralysis of Mining Districts," by E. B. Kirby, St. Louis, Mo.

"The Mining Man's Interest in Land Classification," Dr. George Otis Smith, Washington, D. C.

"The Application of Steel in Mining Operations," by Professor R. B. Worth, with Carnegie Steel company, Pittsburg, Pa.

"Smelter Rates," by James H. Fox, Seattle, Wash.

"The Zinc Mines of Southern Nevada," by Douglas White, Los Angeles, Cal.

"Old Comstock Days," by William C. Ralston, San Francisco, Cal.

"The Purchase of Coal by the B. T. U. Method," by Samuel A. Taylor, Pittsburg, Pa.

"Government Co-operation With the Mining Industry," by Senator Charles Dick of Ohio and Congressman George A. Bartlett of Goldfield, Nev.

"Why Unassessable Mining Shares Are a Drawback in the Development of Mining Camps," by Herman Zadiz, San Francisco, Cal.

"The Mining Stock Exchange as a Factor in the Development of the Mining Industry," by A. B. Ruggles, San Francisco, Cal.

"Mine Accidents and a Coal Tax Insurance Fund," by Messrs. Samuel A. Taylor, Pittsburg, Pa.; Glenn W. Traer, Chicago, Ill.; John H. Jones, Pittsburg, Pa.; David Ross, Springfield, Ill.

"Relation of Silver Values to American Trade Possibilities With Silver Standard Countries," by Moreton Frewen, London, England; James J. Hill, St. Paul, Minn.; John Hays Hammond, New York City; Judge C. C. Goodwin, Salt Lake City, Utah; Joseph A. Heckman, New York City.

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